

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

HOUSE BILL 127

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

INTRODUCED BY

Nick Tinnin

AN ACT

**RELATING TO JUDICIAL DISTRICTS; CREATING THE FOURTEENTH
JUDICIAL DISTRICT; MODIFYING THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT;
PROVIDING FOR ASSIGNMENT OF JUDGES, DISTRICT ATTORNEYS,
PERSONNEL, APPROPRIATIONS, CONTRACTS AND OBLIGATIONS; MAKING AN
APPROPRIATION.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

**Section 1. Section 34-6-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1941,
Chapter 75, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:**

**"34-6-1. JUDICIAL DISTRICTS. --The state shall be divided
into judicial districts as follows:**

**A. first judicial district, the counties of Santa
Fe, Rio Arriba and Los Alamos;**

**B. second judicial district, the county of
Bernalillo;**

underscored material = new
[bracketed material] = delete

1 C. third judicial district, the county of Dona Ana;

2 D. fourth judicial district, the counties of

3 Guadalupe, San Miguel and Mora;

4 E. fifth judicial district, the counties of Eddy,
5 Chaves and Lea;

6 F. sixth judicial district, the counties of Grant,
7 Luna and Hidalgo;

8 G. seventh judicial district, the counties of
9 Socorro, Torrance, Sierra and Catron;

10 H. eighth judicial district, the counties of Taos,
11 Colfax and Union;

12 I. ninth judicial district, the counties of Curry
13 and Roosevelt;

14 J. tenth judicial district, the counties of Quay,
15 DeBaca and Harding;

16 K. eleventh judicial district, the ~~[counties of~~
17 ~~McKinley and San Juan]~~ county of McKinley;

18 L. twelfth judicial district, the counties of Otero
19 and Lincoln; ~~[and]~~

20 M. thirteenth judicial district, the counties of
21 Cibola, Sandoval and Valencia; and

22 N. fourteenth judicial district, the county of San
23 Juan. "

24 Section 2. Section 34-6-14 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1968,
25 Chapter 69, Section 17, as amended by Laws 1995, Chapter 178,

. 143377. 1

underscored material = new
[bracketed material] = del ete

1 Section 3 and also by Laws 1995, Chapter 179, Section 1) is
2 amended to read:

3 "34-6-14. JUDGES--ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT. -- There
4 shall be [~~six~~] two district judges in the eleventh judicial
5 district. [~~The judges of divisions one, three, four and six~~
6 ~~shall reside and maintain their principal offices in San Juan~~
7 ~~county. The judges of divisions two and five shall reside and~~
8 ~~maintain their principal offices in McKinley county.-]"~~

9 Section 3. A new Section 34-6-16.1 NMSA 1978 is enacted
10 to read:

11 "34-6-16.1. [NEW MATERIAL] JUDGES--FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL
12 DISTRICT. -- There shall be four judges in the fourteenth
13 judicial district. "

14 Section 4. TEMPORARY PROVISION--ASSIGNMENT OF JUDGES,
15 DISTRICT ATTORNEYS, PERSONNEL, APPROPRIATIONS, CONTRACTS AND
16 OBLIGATIONS. -- On the effective date of the provisions of this
17 act:

18 A. judges serving in eleventh judicial district
19 divisions one, three, four and six, who reside in San Juan
20 county, are transferred to the fourteenth judicial district,
21 together with all budgets, personnel, money, funds,
22 appropriations, accounts, furniture, equipment, office supplies
23 and other things of value and all contracts, debts, liabilities
24 or other obligations attributable to those divisions;

25 B. judges serving in eleventh judicial district

underscored material = new
[bracketed material] = delete

1 divisions two and five, who reside in McKinley county, shall
2 remain in the eleventh judicial district and shall retain all
3 budgets, personnel, money, funds, appropriations, accounts,
4 furniture, equipment, office supplies and other things of value
5 and all contracts, debts, liabilities or other obligations
6 attributable to those divisions;

7 C. the district attorney serving in eleventh
8 judicial district division one, composed of San Juan county, is
9 transferred to the fourteenth judicial district, together with
10 all budgets, personnel, money, funds, appropriations, accounts,
11 furniture, equipment, office supplies and other things of value
12 and all contracts, debts, liabilities or other obligations
13 attributable to that division; and

14 D. the district attorney serving in eleventh
15 judicial district division two, composed of McKinley county,
16 shall remain in the eleventh judicial district and shall retain
17 all budgets, personnel, money, funds, appropriations, accounts,
18 furniture, equipment, office supplies and other things of value
19 and all contracts, debts, liabilities or other obligations
20 attributable to that division.

21 Section 5. APPROPRIATION. --Ninety thousand dollars
22 (\$90,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
23 administrative office of the courts for expenditure in fiscal
24 year 2004 to pay for salaries, benefits, office supplies,
25 materials and other costs associated with the creation of a

. 143377. 1

1 fourteenth judicial district. Any unexpended or unencumbered
2 balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2004 shall revert
3 to the general fund.

4 Section 6. REPEAL. -- Sections 36-1-8.2 and 36-1-8.3 NMSA
5 1978 (being Laws 1981, Chapter 25, Sections 1 and 2, as
6 amended) are repealed.

7 Section 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. -- The effective date of the
8 provisions of Sections 1 through 4 and 6 of this act is January
9 1, 2004.